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Daigneault Leaves Concordia University

After 23 years of coaching at Loyola-Concordia Doug Daigneault announced today that he will leave Concordia University to pursue new Business Opportunities. "I feel that the time to make a change is now", said Daigneault. "When one stays in the same job for too long, one has the tendency to feel that he is on a treadmill. The time is ripe for me to seek other exciting challenges. I have had the privilege to coach and be associated with some of the finest student-athletes, coaches, referees and sport enthusiasts in Canada. I will always remember the great Loyola and Concordia teams that dominated Quebec basketball."

Daigneault leaves with one of the greatest records ever achieved by a university coach. His basketball record, over a span of 23 full seasons is a remarkable 487 wins, 243 losses, 14 league titles and an all-time 66 consecutive game-winning streak. He developed 7 All-Canadians and had 70 league all-stars. Daigneault was given the honour of "Coach of the Year" eight times, the latest being 1987.

Daigneault's football career at Loyola-Concordia was 32 wins, 27 losses, 2 ties, 2 league championships and 2 bowl appearances.

Born in Montreal, Doug grew up in Malone, N.Y. He was acclaimed one of the finest all-round athletes ever to have been produced in the Upper New York State region. He earned All-State Honors at Franklin Academy in basketball, football, and baseball before attending Clemson University. There he received a Bachelor of Science degree and played in the Orange, Blue Bonnet, and Sugar Bowl games. Following his graduation Doug returned to Canada and played for the Ottawa Rough Riders, winning the Grey Cup in his rookie year. He ended his professional football career for the now-defunct Montreal Alouettes.

Concordia's Director of Athletics, Bob Philip, stated that "Doug Daigneault's record speaks for itself. He will be missed on the Canadian University basketball scene."

No successor has yet been named to head the Concordia men's basketball program however, an appointment is expected within the next two weeks.